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SUBJ: SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE

1. SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN MET FOR THREE HOURS FIFTY MINUTES FEB 27 AT PANMUNJOM.

2. ROK RADIO HAS REPORTED ROK DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMAN CHANG KI-YONG'S REMARKS ON THE FEB 15 FISHING BOAT INCIDENT. USING WHAT HAPTONG NEWS AGENCY CALLED THE HARSHTEST WORDS EVER EMPLOYED AT SOUTH-NORTH TALKS, CHANG DENOUNCED THE NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATION AGAINST UNARMED CIVILIAN FISHING CRAFT AND LAID DOWN FIVE-POINT DEMAND THAT NORTH KOREA (A) APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCIDENT, (B) RETURN THE HIJACKED BOAT AND ITS CREW, (C) COMPENSATE FOR DAMAGES AND CASUALTIES, (D) PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND INFORM ROK SIDE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN, AND (E) GUARANTEE THAT NO SUCH ILLEGAL ACT WILL OCCUR IN THE FUTURE. CHANG WARNED THAT NORTH KOREAN "INSINCERITY" IN SOLVING THE DISPUTE WOULD BE CONSTRUED AS PYONG-

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YANG'S LACK OF INCLINATION TO CONTINUE THE SOUTH-

NORTH TALKS.

3. PYONGYANG RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT NORTH CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT THE FISHING VESSELS WERE ACTUALLY SPY SHIPS.

4. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS FEB 26 SENT TELEPHONE MESSAGE TO SOUTH SIDE PROPOSING ANOTHER MEETING OF RED CROSS DELEGATES ON MARCH 11 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONG ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO RESUMPTION OF RED CROSS TALKS. KOREAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED MARCH 4 FOR SUCH A MEETING, IS STILL STUDYING NORTH KOREAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL.
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